

From the Editors

We begin this new volume of the journal with an issue that is typical of its kind. Although slim in size, this issue is diverse in content. We start the year with reports on work in four different fields within natural history, focusing attention on a pest avian species; clonal and non-clonal wetland plants; leaf litter invertebrates in box-ironbark forest; and an amphibian species that has survived against the odds. Truly, there is something here for most interests.

Looking ahead for the year, we anticipate no great change to our usual fare. We are encouraged in the belief that there are researchers interested in the widest range of natural history areas and at work in many different environments. We thus feel confident there will be no end to the papers offered for publication.

Changes are occurring, however. Perceptive readers will have noticed that more colour has been added to the front and back covers of this issue. This new appearance is really an expansion of the previous format, taking advantage of the fact that the cover is already presented in colour. Curiously, this new style of cover is vaguely reminiscent of the style introduced with volume 88, no. 1, January 1971. Much has changed since then, for the Field Naturalists Club and for its journal, and this is not necessarily to be regretted. As the Sicilian novelist Guiseppe di Lampedusa observed: 'For things to remain the same, things must change'.

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